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SUBJECT: CANADIANS INVITED TO NAIROBI; GOC FUNDING POSSIBLE FOR DARFUR

REF: (A) STATE 200777 (B) OTTAWA 02928 (C) STATE 172323

Classified By: Pol M/C Brian Flora Reasons 1.4 (B) and (D)

1. (C) Post extended reftel invitation to the Prime Minister's Special Advisory Team (SAT) on Sudan through Lt. Col. Brad Bergstrand, Military Advisor to the Sudan Task Force at Foreign Affairs Canada (FAC). Currently, the Team is planning a trip to Darfur but will not be on the ground in the region before Nov. 11.

2. (C) The Prime Minister's Personal Representative for Africa, Ambassador Robert Fowler, and Senators Romeo Dallaire and Mobina Jaffer, and Lt. General (Ret.) Mike Jeffrey, the military advisor to the SAT, will be in Sudan between November 12 and 19.

3. (C) Their itinerary includes visits to IDP camps, AMIS and various towns, and a roundtable lunch for members of the diplomatic community in Khartoum.

4. (C) In a related matter, following the delivery of ref (B), Canadian officials in FAC's Peacebuilding Programs told us that they are reviewing the July 25 USAID proposal and have expressed the possibility that approximately Can \$500,000 might be available to contribute to programs in the law enforcement and justice area, support to UNMIS and/or media programming. These three areas compliment the GoC's current work with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and UNDP. FAC plans to know by November 7 whether these funds might be available. David Ross, Program Manager at the CIDA working with the Sudan Task Force, is also circulating the USAID proposal.

5. (C) The GoC is interested in Deputy Secretary Zoellick's upcoming visit to the region and would be pleased to receive information about his trip that could be of use to their delegation.

6. (C) COMMENT: Canada would like to participate in the Nairobi meetings but is unclear that plans could be adjusted to enable one of the SAT representatives to attend. The likely participant would be Canada's Special Envoy for Peace in the Sudan, Senator Mobina Jaffer. Alternatively, senior members of the Canadian mission in Nairobi could attend.

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